



**OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**USDA Forest Service**  
**Sawtooth National Forest**  
**Ketchum, ID**

**Reply Due: March 7, 2014**

The Sawtooth National Forest is advertising for the following position: **Trail Maintenance Work Leader**

**POSITION: FS3185, WL 4749-07 Seasonal (4 year Term) Fulltime 13/13**

Note: This is a seasonal term position, not to exceed 4 years, with varying tours of duty. The position is guaranteed 13 pay periods (6 months) per year for up to four years. Longer than 6 months per year is negotiable (up to full year), budget and work dependent.

**LOCATION:** USDA Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest, Ketchum, Idaho

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

This position is assigned to the Ketchum Ranger District located in Ketchum, Idaho, and reports to the KRD Trails Supervisor. The KRD Trail crew is responsible for annual maintenance of approximately 370 miles of single track trail; work also includes new construction of trail, construction of log stringer trail bridges, puncheon bridges, turnpikes and rock masonry. Supervision of a two to eight member Forest Service trail crew, and occasional supervision of 12 member youth corps crews and volunteer crews of various sizes is required.

Knowledge and experience in the use of all types of trail construction hand tools and the operation of mechanized trail construction equipment and the ability to work in small teams safely and independently in remote locations scattered across a large geographic area is required. This position requires a high level of technical skills associated with trail layout, design and trail maintenance for multiple use trails. The incumbent must be in excellent physical condition and capable of traveling up to fifteen miles per day hiking in steep mountainous terrain carrying loads of up to sixty pounds. The position begins in early spring, typically late April and ends late September or October.

The position requires the selectee to possess or be capable of acquiring a type B unlimited chainsaw faller's certification card. The position work hours are from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday with occasional 8 day hitches from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm Wednesday through Wednesday. Government housing in the KRD bunkhouse may be available with this position. Hourly pay for this position starts at \$19.00/hour and insurance and retirement benefits are available.

**LOCATION:**

The Ketchum Ranger District office is located in Ketchum, Idaho on the north end of the Wood River Valley. The valley includes the communities of Sun Valley, Ketchum, Hailey, and Bellevue.

The area is known for its outstanding central Idaho mountains, scenery and climate, as well unlimited recreation opportunities. Popular summer activities include hiking, camping, backpacking, climbing, mountain biking, motor biking, and fishing. Winter recreation includes skiing at Sun Valley's Bald Mountain Ski Area, backcountry skiing, Nordic and skate skiing on extensive trail systems, and snowmobiling trails. In addition to outdoor pursuits, the resort setting brings in a host of cultural events not normally found in small towns, including top musical artist, sporting events and art festivals. Summertime temperatures rarely exceed 90 degrees and winter lows may dip below zero.

Schools are considered exceptional in the Wood River Valley for preschool and grades K-12. In addition, the College of Southern Idaho offers courses at the Hailey Campus. The area is served with a regional hospital with a full spectrum of local medical specialists. Shopping for all necessary goods can be done in the valley, with the expanded services of most major shopping centers available in Twin Falls (1.5 hrs south), or Boise (3 hrs west).

The cost of housing in the Wood River Valley is considered high, with a median price for a single family home in Blaine County of \$383,500. Also, expect rental units to cost in the range of \$1,200-\$2,000 a month for a typical 3 bedroom home. Prices are higher in the north end of the valley and more moderate in the south end.

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:**

It is expected that the position will be filled through a single vacancy announcement, which may be accessed through the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). Those that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement by the closing date noted on the announcement. Individuals who respond to this outreach effort will be sent notice of the vacancy announcement when it is posted. All applicants who have applied to the announcement on or before the listed dates and are found to be qualified and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact Renee Catherin, Trails Supervisor, Ketchum Ranger District, at 208-622-0096 or at 208-727-7095 or e-mail [rcatherin@fs.fed.us](mailto:rcatherin@fs.fed.us) (Please put your phone number on the e-mail message).

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If you are interested in this position, please complete this form and send via email to [rcatherin@fs.fed.us](mailto:rcatherin@fs.fed.us). Or you may complete the form and mail, or fax to 208-622-3923.

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